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Decision Dismissing Petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c)
The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application, for which a faxed copy of the original petition was received on March 31, 2004.

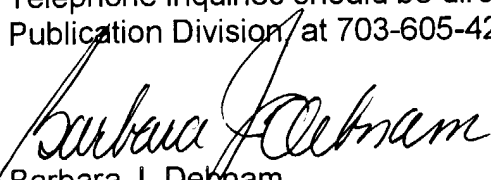
The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

- ☐ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not received in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
- ☒ The Application was published on January 31, 2002, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the publication number is US20020013452A1, and it is available on the USPTO web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>.

The application **has been published** as scheduled.

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